DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, the news is published in the papers that the Corporation has enhanced the tax on certain properties in the City of Madras even to the extent of one hundred per cent? Is that a fact?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : If there is any grievance against the enhancement of property tax, the parties may appeal to the Commissioner. There are other appeals also provided.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it a fact that the taxation on houses differs from one locality to another, and it does not conform to the plinth area of the property ?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : I do not have any such information.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Are there any principles laid down by the Government regarding the enhancement of the property tax in the City of Madras and other municipalities?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : A separate question may be put, Sir.

Kilpauk Medical College

* 196 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to shift the Kilpauk Medical College from Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Considerable expansion of the present buildings of the College has to be made to satisfy the requirements of the University of Madras and the Medical Council of India. The College is at present situated in a congested area of the City. In order to facilitate the proper development of the College, it has been decided to shift it to a suitable place outside the City.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What do the Government propose to do with the present buildings?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : They would be utilized for some other purpose.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will it be used for the starting of a college for the indigenous system of medicine or something like that?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : That will be decided after the medical college is shifted.